

STATE OF IDAHO
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY
PLUMBING BUREAU

INFORMATION FOR LICENSE APPLICANTS

THIS INFORMATION SHEET IS PREPARED TO ACQUAINT ALL APPLICANTS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY FILE AN APPLICATION AND TAKE THE EXAMINATION TO OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY REQUIRED BY IDAHO

APPRENTICE

APPRENTICES ARE THOSE PERSONS LEARNING THE TRADE. THE MINIMUM AGE FOR ANY APPRENTICE SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 16 YEARS. ALL APPRENTICES SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE BUREAU. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$5.00. NO EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN REGISTRATION, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE WORKING AT THE TRADE UNDER THE CONSTANT ON-THE-JOB SUPERVISION OF A JOURNEYMAN AND IN THE EMPLOY OF A LICENSED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR. HE MUST ALSO BE ENROLLED AND ACTIVE IN AN APPROVED RELATED TRAINING CLASS FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR (4) YEARS. UPON COMPLETION OF APPRENTICE TRAINING, THE APPRENTICE MUST BE PREPARED TO ATTACH A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, OR A LETTER SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF HIS APPRENTICE COMMITTEE, TO HIS APPLICATION FOR A JOURNEYMAN LICENSE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN REGISTRATION, THE APPRENTICE MUST RENEW HIS REGISTRATION EACH YEAR BEFORE DECEMBER 31. ANY TIME SPENT IN THE TRADE WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE REQUIRED FOUR (4) YEARS.

JOURNEYMAN

AN APPLICANT FOR A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER'S LICENSE MUST HAVE AT LEAST FOUR (4) YEARS EXPERIENCE AS AN APPRENTICE MAKING PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS UNDER THE CONSTANT ON-THE-JOB SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 54-2611, IDAHO CODE. PIPE FITTING WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS QUALIFICATIONS FOR A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER'S LICENSE. THE FIRST STEP IN OBTAINING A JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION AND LICENSE. TO BE ACCEPTABLE, THE APPLICATION MUST BE CERTIFIED TO SHOW NOT LESS THAN A PROVABLE MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE TRADE. EXHIBITION OF A CURRENT LICENSE OR COPY OF IT FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION MAY BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF EXPERIENCE. WORK PERMITS CAN BE GIVEN TO JOURNEYMAN APPLICANTS WHEN PRIOR APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED ON THE APPLICATION. IF THE TEST IS NOT PASSED, THE WORK PERMIT IS VOID.

PLUMBING CONTRACTOR

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT A PLUMBING CONTRACTOR BE CERTIFIED COMPETENT BY THE PLUMBING BOARD BEFORE HE OFFERS HIS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. TO OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATE, HE MUST FIRST SUBMIT AN ACCEPTABLE APPLICATION. THE APPLICATION MUST SHOW AMONG OTHER THINGS A PROVABLE MINIMUM OF 2-1/2 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER EITHER IN THE STATE OF IDAHO OR ANOTHER STATE. SUCH EXPERIENCE MAY BE PROVEN BY THE SUBMISSION, WITH THE APPLICATION, OF A COPY OF THE LICENSE FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION, WHICH HAS BEEN HELD FOR THE REQUIRED PERIOD OF TIME. HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT IS FROM A STATE WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE OR PROVIDE FOR FORMAL JOURNEYMAN LICENSING, THEN SAID EXPERIENCE MAY BE PROVEN BY THE SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) SWORN AFFIDAVITS FROM INDIVIDUALS ATTESTING TO THE FACT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS HAD AT LEAST 2-1/2 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER. CONTRACTOR CANDIDATES THAT PLAN TO BE DOING HANDS-ON WORK MUST TEST AND PASS THE JOURNEYMAN EXAMINATION PRIOR TO TAKING THE CONTRACTOR EXAMINATION. A \$2,000.00 SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF A CONTRACTOR EXAM APPLICATION.

TEST INFORMATION

APPLICATIONS AND THE \$22.50 APPLICATION FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PLUMBING BUREAU A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE. APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE INCOMPLETE IN ANY DETAIL WILL BE RETURNED AS UNACCEPTABLE. A \$2,000.00 COMPLIANCE BOND MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE PLUMBING BUREAU BEFORE A CONTRACTOR LICENSE EXAMINATION WILL BE GIVEN. TESTS ARE GIVEN ONCE A MONTH IN POCATELLO, BOISE, TWIN FALLS, COEUR D'ALENE, AND LEWISTON. WALK-IN EXAMINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN BOISE ONLY BY APPOINTMENT.